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SUBJ: SOVIET COMPLAINT CONCERNING DEMONSTRATIONS

AT SMUN AND INTOURIST ON MARCH 14, 1976

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTE FROM SOVIET MISSION,
DATED MARCH 16, 1976 COMPLAINING ABOUT DEMONSTRATIONS
CONDUCTED OUTSIDE SOVIET MISSION AND AT INTOURIST ON MARCH
14, 1976. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE IS
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

INFORMAL TRANSLATION, SOVIET MISSION NOTE #173 TO USUN 3/15/76

"THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FURTHER TO ITS NOTES NO. 98
OF FEBRUARY 13, 1976, NO. 102 OF FEBRUARY 16, 1976, NO. 107
OF FEBRUARY 18, 1976, NO. 132 OF FEBRUARY 27, 1976, NO. 135
OF FEBRUARY 29, 1976, NO. 143 OF MARCH 3, 1976 AND NO. 156
OF MARCH 9, 1976, AGAIN DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED
STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE SHOCKING HOSTILE-
PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITIES OF GROUPS OF PERSONS AGAINST THE
USSR MISSION TO THE UN, THE DELEGATION RESIDENCE IN RIVERDALE
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AS WELL AS THE NEW YORK "INTOURIST" AGENCY OFFICE, WHICH

TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 14, 1976.

"ON THIS DAY, A GROUP OF UNRESTRAINED HOOLIGAN ELEMENTS WAS GATHERED AT THE USSR MISSION TO UN BUILDING AT THE CORNER OF 67TH STREET AND 3RD AVENUE FROM 1:25 P.M. TO 2:10 P.M. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MOB SHRIEKED ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS. THEY CARRIED PLACARDS THREATENING PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS WORKING IN NEW YORK, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES: "RUSSION BLOOD - ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK", "SOVIET DIPLOMATS, YOU WILL BE KIDNAPPED FOR RANSOM," "TWO RUSSIANS FOR EVERY JEW". HAVING LOST ALL HUMAN SEMBLANCE, THE HOOLIGANS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN THE MOST OBSCENE FASHION AND, SHRIEKED COARSE OATHS AND INSULTS AT DELEGATION EMPLOYEES PASSING BY AND AT MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES.

"SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THIS PROVOCATIVE MOB AT THE BUILDING OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN, SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE ON THE SAME DAY AT THE BUILDING ON 49TH STREET IN WHICH THE "INTOURIST" AGENCY IS HOUSED AND AT THE RESIDENCE BELONGING TO THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN IN RIVERDALE.

"IN INFORMING THE US MISSION TO THE UN OF THE ABOVE, THE USSR MISSION CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT, DESPITE THE REPEATED APPEALS OF THE DELEGATION AND THE ASSURANCES ON THE PART OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES, AN UNCHECKED HOSTILE CAMPAIGN, AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS EMPLOYED BY THE USSR MISSION AND SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK, WHICH IS ACCOMPANIED BY THREATS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, CONTINUES TO GATHER FORCE.

"THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN RECALLS THAT, IN THE USSR FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT HANDED TO THE US AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR, MR. W. STOESSEL, ON MARCH 12, 1976, THE FOLLOWING WAS STRESSED: "IT IS ENTIRELY CLEAR THAT EXPLOSIONS, SHOOTINGS AND CALLS FOR PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE NOT ONLY CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND AMERICAN DOMESTIC LAWS, BUT ON THE WHOLE, ARE ALSO INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE NORMS OF CIVILIZED SOCIETY." IN THIS STATEMENT, IT WAS POINTED OUT, QUITE DEFINITELY BEGIN BRACKETS SO VSEY
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OPREDELENNOST'YU END BRACKETS, THAT SUCH A SITUATION, CREATED AS THE RESULT OF THE VIRTUAL INACTIVITY OF THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS AND THE SECURITY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, IS INTOLERABLE.

"IN LODGING A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE US MISSION TO THE UN, THE USSR DELEGATION AGAINST URGENTLY DEMANDS THAT

THE COMPETENT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY TAKE EFFECTIVE
STEPS FOR THE CESSATION AND PREVENTION OF SUCH HOSTILE
ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE USSR DELEGATION , AS WELL AS OTHER
SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK, WHICH ARE HINDERING THEM
IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THEIR NORMAL DUTIES."

"NEW YORK, MARCH 15, 1976"

UNQUOTE.

2. REPORT ON INCIDENT IS BEING REPORTED IN SEPTEL.
ACCORDING TO NYPD, THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO
ARRESTS DURING DEMONSTRATION AT SMUN AND INTOURIST.
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